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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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IT HAD TO HAPPEN!
SOONER OR LATER,
SPIDER-MAN
WAS BOUND TO BATTLE

"DOCTOR DOOM!"

THIS IS YOUR *FINISH*,
SPIDER-MAN! IF THE
FANTASTIC FOUR THEMSELVES
COULD NOT STOP ME, WHAT
CHANCE HAVE YOU?



YOU ARE LOOKING AT ONE OF THE FEW CANDID ACTION FILMS EVER TAKEN OF **SPIDER-MAN** BY A NEWSREEL PHOTOGRAPHER!



BY NOW THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS OF **SPIDER-MAN**'S EXISTENCE! BUT THE WORLD *DOESN'T* KNOW HIS TRUE IDENTITY, OR HIS REAL MOTIVES... AND THAT IS WHAT THIS PROGRAM INTENDS TO INVESTIGATE!

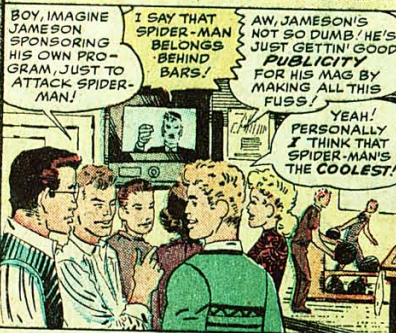
SPIDER-MAN...
A FORCE FOR GOOD OR EVIL?



MY NAME IS J. JONAH JAMESON, PUBLISHER OF **NOW** MAGAZINE AND THE **DAILY BUGLE**! I AM SPONSORING THIS PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, TO EXPOSE **SPIDER-MAN** TO THE PUBLIC AS THE MENACE HE IS!



ANY TV SHOW ABOUT THE COLORFUL **SPIDER-MAN** IS BOUND TO ATTRACT A LARGE AUDIENCE! EVEN TEEN-AGERS IN A LOCAL BOWLING ALLEY INTERRUPT THEIR GAME TO VIEW THE PROGRAM...



I MUSTN'T SAY ANYTHING TO MAKE THEM SUSPECT ME! I'LL TALK AGAINST **SPIDER-MAN**!

YOU CAN'T TELL! JAMESON MAY BE RIGHT! NOBODY REALLY KNOWS **SPIDER-MAN**!

IT'S A CINCINCH YOU DON'T, PANTY-WAIST! YOU'D PROBABLY FAINT IF YOU EVER CAUGHT SIGHT OF HIM!

I WOULD, TOO! ...FROM SHEER EXCITEMENT! I'LL BET HE'S REAL HANDSOME UNDER THAT SILLY MASK OF HIS! SIGH.



G'WAN, PARKER, GET LOST! YOU'RE IN THE WRONG PLACE, ANYHOW! THIS IS A BOWLING ALLEY, NOT A KNOTTING PARLOR!

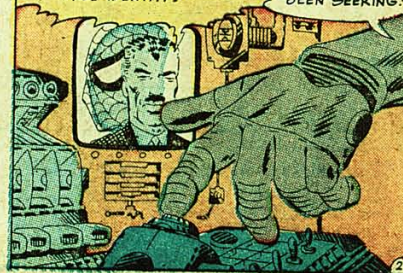
THAT'S IT, FLASH! KEEP IT UP! ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'LL GO TOO FAR, AND YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT YOU! THERE'S EVEN A LIMIT TO **SPIDER-MAN**'S PATIENCE!



BUT, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN, ANOTHER LISTENER HEARS JAMESON'S PROGRAM, A STRANGE AND SINISTER LISTENER.

MY PAPERS ARE OFFERING A THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD TO ANYONE WHO CAN DISCLOSE **SPIDER-MAN**'S TRUE IDENTITY!

SPIDER-MAN??
HAM... HE MAY BE JUST THE ONE I'VE BEEN SEEKING!



EACH TIME I ATTACKED THE **FANTASTIC FOUR** IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE FOUGHT ME TO A STAND-STILL! ALONE, I DO NOT SEEM ABLE TO DEFEAT THEM!

BUT WITH ONE SUCH AS **SPIDER-MAN** AT MY SIDE, EVEN THAT ACCURSED QUARTET WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SAVE THEMSELVES FROM MY WRATH!



ORDINARY MEN TREMBLE AT THE MENTION OF MY NAME! THE ENTIRE CIVILIZED WORLD FEARS THE MENACE OF **DOCTOR DOOM**! AND YET, IN ONE RESPECT, I HAVE BEEN FOILED TIME AND TIME AGAIN!

NO MATTER HOW PERFECTLY I LAY MY PLANS, THE **FANTASTIC FOUR** HAVE ALWAYS MANAGED TO FRUSTRATE ME! I STILL REMEMBER OUR LAST PARTING...



COME BACK! YA CAN'T CHEAT ME OUT OF MY REVENGE THIS WAY!

BEN, GET OUT OF THE WAY! I CAN STILL REACH OUT AND GRAB HIM! BEN... NO! IT'S TOO LATE NOW!



SWIFTLY, SILENTLY, THE AWESOME FORM OF THE GREATEST MENACE OF OUR AGE PLUMMETS EARTHWARD... DOWN... DOWN... DOWN... UNTIL IT IS LOST FROM SIGHT IN THE BILLOWING CLOUDS BELOW...



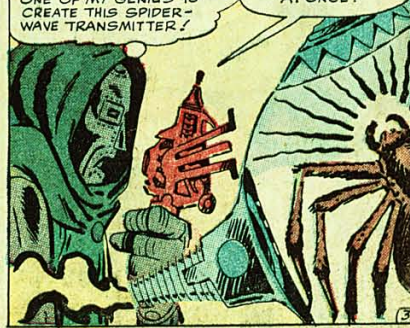
ONCE UNDER COVER OF THE CLOUDS, THE JET-POWERED FLYING BELT I WORE ENABLED ME TO GLIDE TO SAFETY... TO REPAIR TO A NEW LAIR WHERE I COULD LICK MY WOUNDS LIKE A VANQUISHED BEAST!

BUT NOW, THAT IS ALL BEHIND ME! NOW IT IS TIME TO STRIKE AGAIN! WITH THE AID OF THAT IMPRISONED **SPIDER**, I WILL TRANSMIT A MESSAGE TO **SPIDER-MAN**, USING HIS OWN WAVE-LENGTH!

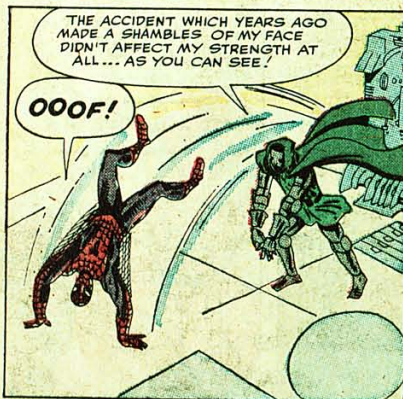


IN SOME STRANGE WAY, HE HAS THE SENSORY POWERS OF A SPIDER... AND SO IT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ONE OF MY GENIUS TO CREATE THIS **SPIDER-WAVE** TRANSMITTER!

CALLING **SPIDER-MAN**! CALLING **SPIDER-MAN**! I MUST CONTACT YOU AT ONCE!







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AND THEN, ONCE I HAVE HIM HELPLESS, I'LL USE HIM TO BAIT MY DEADLY TRAP FOR THE FANTASTIC FOUR!



MEANWHILE, HUNDREDS OF FEET BELOW... I HOPE THAT REFUGEE FROM A NIGHTMARE FACTORY DOESN'T THINK HE'S SEEN THE LAST OF ME... BECAUSE NOW I'M GONNA TACKLE HIM IN EARNEST!



BUT, BY THE TIME THE COLORFUL CRUSADER REACHES THE ROOF...

HOLY HANNAH! WHAT WAS THAT??

BAROOM!



DOOM WAS ONE STEP AHEAD OF ME! HE BLEW UP THE DESERTED BUILDING BEFORE I COULD GET BACK AT HIM! HE'S PROBABLY MILES AWAY BY NOW, PLANNING HIS NEXT MOVE!

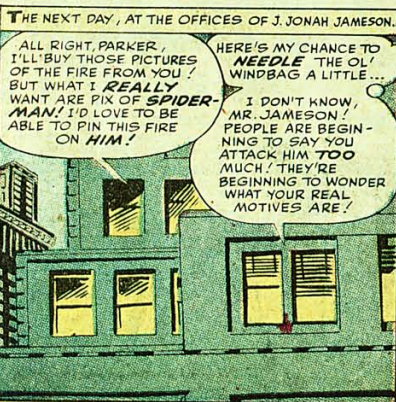


WELL, TIME ENOUGH FOR HIM LATER... I'LL SNAP A FEW PIX OF THE BURNING BUILDING... OLD SKINFLINT JAMESON MAY BE WILLING TO PAY PETE PARKER FOR THEM, IF THEY'RE EXCLUSIVES!



LOOK! THERE'S SPIDER-MAN! IT MUST HAVE BEEN HIM WHO BLEW UP THE BUILDING!

JUST MY LUCK! THAT CROWD SEES ME! NOW I'LL PROBABLY BE BLAMED FOR THE FIRE, TOO!



THE NEXT DAY, AT THE OFFICES OF J. JONAH JAMESON. ALL RIGHT, PARKER, I'LL BUY THOSE PICTURES OF THE FIRE FROM YOU! BUT WHAT I REALLY WANT ARE PIX OF SPIDER-MAN! I'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO PIN THIS FIRE ON HIM!

HERE'S MY CHANCE TO NEEDLE THE OLD WINDBAG A LITTLE...

I DON'T KNOW, MR. JAMESON! PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO SAY YOU ATTACK HIM TOO MUCH. THEY'RE BEGINNING TO WONDER WHAT YOUR REAL MOTIVES ARE!



I THINK PARKER IS RIGHT, SIR! I'VE HEARD SOME OF OUR READERS MENTION THAT THEY THINK YOU'RE JEALOUS OF SPIDER-MAN FOR SOME REASON!

WELL, WELL! I NEVER KNEW I HAD AN ALLY IN J.J.'S SECRETARY! AND I NEVER REALIZED HOW PRETTY BETTY BRANT WAS, EITHER... TILL NOW!

THAT'S ENOUGH! I'M STILL THE PUBLISHER HERE, AND I'LL DECIDE OUR EDITORIAL POLICY!



I HAVE ONLY ONE REAL MOTIVE... TO MAKE MONEY! THE MORE I ATTACK SPIDER-MAN, THE MORE PEOPLE READ MY PAPERS! IT'S TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO KEEP POUNDING AWAY AT THAT CORNY COSTUMED CLOWN! EVERYBODY IS INTERESTED IN HIM... WHETHER THEY AGREE WITH ME OR NOT DOESN'T MATTER... SPIDER-MAN SELLS PAPERS! UNDERSTAND??

I SURE DO, YOU BIG, BLUSTERING PHONY.



WELL, HOW DID I LOOK? WILL PUNY PARKER FALL FOR IT?

LIKE A TON OF BRICKS! FLASH, YOU'RE A GENIUS!

THE GALS DID A GREAT JOB ON THE COSTUME! THIS'LL TEACH OUR BOOKWORM BUDDY TO KNOCK SPIDER-MAN!



A SHORT TIME LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN... BOY! WHAT A TERRIFIC GAG THIS'LL BE! POOR PETER! HE'LL NEVER GET OVER IT! WHERE IS PETER PARKER? I WANT HIM! BRING HIM TO ME!



AND SO, OUR WEB OF FATE DRAWS TIGHTER! NOW, BACK TO THE DEVIUS DOCTOR DOOM!

THERE! I'VE DEvised AN INSTRUMENT WHICH WILL REACT TO A SPIDER'S IMPULSES THE WAY A GEIGER COUNTER REACTS TO URANIUM!

ALL I NEED DO IS SCOUR THE CITY UNTIL THE DIAL REGISTERS POSITIVE, AND I WILL HAVE FOUND SPIDER-MAN'S REAL IDENTITY!



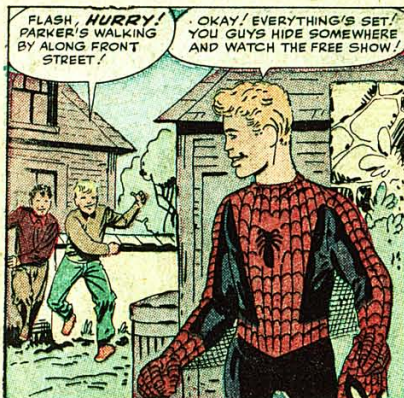
WHEN ONE IS A MASTER OF SCIENCE, AS I AM, THERE IS NOTHING WHICH CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED! SOONER OR LATER, I SHALL ELIMINATE ALL THOSE WHO DARE OPPOSE ME!



NOT LONG AFTERWARDS... THERE'S PARKER NOW! WE'VE GOT TO TELL FLASH!

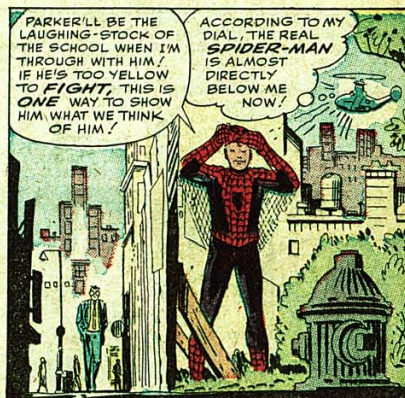
BETCHA HE'LL JUMP CLEAN OUT OF HIS SKIN WHEN HE SEES "SPIDER-MAN"! THIS'LL BE THE GREATEST GAG OF THE CENTURY!

AHHH! MY DEVICE IS BEGINNING TO REGISTER! I'M NEARING MY PREY!



FLASH, HURRY! PARKER'S WALKING BY ALONG FRONT STREET!

OKAY! EVERYTHING'S SET! YOU GUYS HIDE SOMEWHERE AND WATCH THE FREE SHOW!



PARKER'LL BE THE LAUGHING-STOCK OF THE SCHOOL WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH HIM! IF HE'S TOO YELLOW TO FIGHT, THIS IS ONE WAY TO SHOW HIM WHAT WE THINK OF HIM!

ACCORDING TO MY DIAL, THE REAL SPIDER-MAN IS ALMOST DIRECTLY BELOW ME NOW!



THERE HE IS! STRANGE, HE'S WEARING HIS COSTUME IN BROAD DAYLIGHT! WELL, NO MATTER! WITHIN SECONDS, HE'LL BE MY HELPLESS PRISONER!



IT'S TIME TO SHOW MYSELF TO PARKER NOW, AND...

HEY, WHA...? WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S GOIN' ON??

HE'S SEEN ME! BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR HIM TO STOP ME! I'VE PLANNED THIS COUP TOO CAREFULLY!



AND AS PETER PARKER, THE REAL SPIDER-MAN, WALKS CALMLY BY, WRAPPED IN HIS OWN DEEP THOUGHTS...

ONE BURST OF THIS FAST-ACTING SLEEPING GAS WILL DO THE TRICK SILENTLY!



AND SO, DOCTOR DOOM MAKES HIS FIRST CARELESS MISTAKE... NOT SUSPECTING THAT HIS GEIGER-LIKE DEVICE HAD REACTED TO PETER PARKER'S PRESENCE, RATHER THAN THE IMITATION SPIDER-MAN'S!

DONE! NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO CARRY HIM BACK TO THE SHIP! IT WAS EVEN SIMPLER THAN I EXPECTED!



STRANGE THAT HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SO EASY TO TRAP! PERHAPS SPIDER-MAN POSSESSES LESS SUPER-POWERS THAN PEOPLE THINK!



MEANWHILE... I DON'T GET IT! WHAT'S FLASH WAITIN' FOR?

PARKER WILL BE GONE IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS!

MAYBE SOMETHING WENT WRONG! MAYBE FLASH'S COSTUME TORE OR SOMETHING! GEE! WHAT A DIS-APPOINTMENT!



MINUTES LATER, AFTER PETE HAS REACHED HOME... HI, AUNT MAY! WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?

THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW, DEAR! I JUST SAW THE CLEVEREST JUGGLING ACT, AND NOW HE'S GOING TO HAVE A CHORUS FROM SOME MIDWESTERN COLLEGE!



SAY! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE SET?

I DON'T KNOW! OH, DEAR! WE JUST HAD IT FIXED LAST WEEK! I HOPE IT ISN'T THE PICTURE TUBE!



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE STAND BY. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR SETS' RECEPTION! SOME STRANGE FORCE SEEMS TO BE AFFECTING ALL TV. TRANSMISSION AT THIS TIME! STAND BY! STAND BY!

BOY, THIS IS A NEW ONE!



WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE OUR TRANSMISSION! OUR ELECTRICAL POWER IS BEING DRAINED! STAND BY!

THIS IS DOCTOR DOOM. I HAVE RESORTED TO THIS DRASTIC MEANS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE FANTASTIC FOUR! I HAVE A MESSAGE OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE FOR THEM!

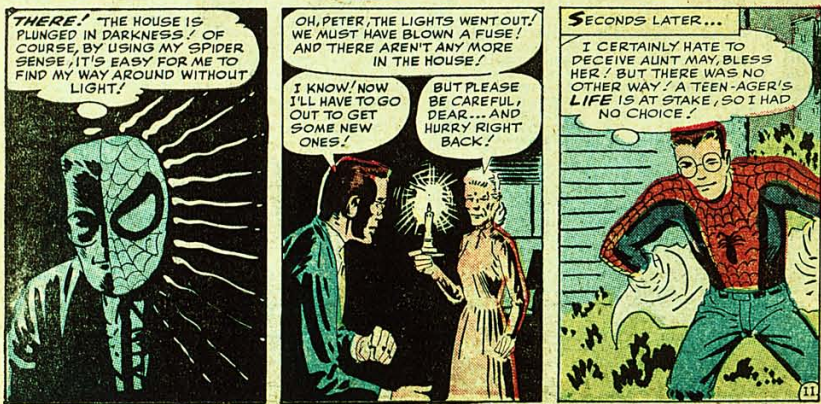
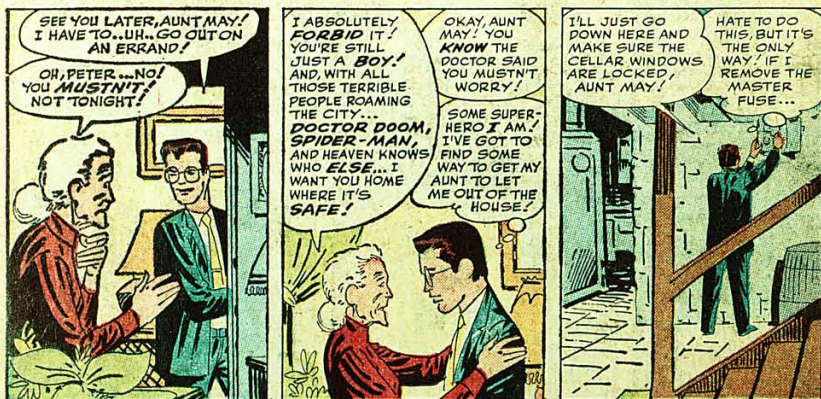


AS YOU CAN SEE, I HOLD SPIDER-MAN A HELPLESS CAPTIVE! UNLESS THE FANTASTIC FOUR PROMISE TO DISBAND AND SURRENDER TO ME, ONE AT A TIME, SPIDER-MAN WILL FORFEIT HIS LIFE! I WILL WAIT EXACTLY ONE HOUR FOR A REPLY!



OH, THAT AWFUL CREATURE! THANK HEAVENS HIS PRISONER IS ONLY SPIDER-MAN WHO IS PROBABLY AS MUCH A MENACE AS DOCTOR DOOM!

I DON'T GET IT! WHO WAS THAT JOKER IN THE SPIDER-MAN COSTUME?? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? IS IT SOME KINDA TRICK?



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THAT'S IT! NOW FOR DOCTOR DOOM!

AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AT THE FAMOUS SKY-SCRAPER HEADQUARTERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR...

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH MORE TIME, REED! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

WELL, SUE, WE CERTAINLY CAN'T LET ANY HARM COME TO SPIDER-MAN, IF WE CAN HELP IT!

SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET SUPER-HERO UNION CARD, THING, OL' PAL?

BLASTED AMATEURS! ALWAYS GUMMIN' UP THE WORKS!

LET'S FACE IT, YOU'VE STRUGGLED THROUGH ONE OF THE LONGEST INTRODUCTIONS YOU'VE EVER READ! BUT WE THINK YOU'LL FIND IT WELL WORTH IT, BECAUSE NOW THE FIREWORKS BEGIN IN EARNEST!

IN ORDER TO BREAK IN ON ALL THE NETWORK T.V. SHOWS THE WAY HE DID, DOOM NEEDED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ELECTRICAL POWER! SO I'VE GOT TO SEARCH FOR HIS HIDEOUT IN AREAS WHERE SOME ENORMOUS DYNAMOS MAY BE LOCATED... ONCE I'M NEAR HIM, MY SPIDER INSTINCT WILL DO THE REST!

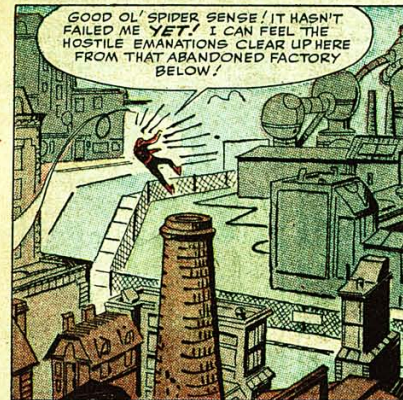
THE TELEPHONE COMPANY INSTALLATION IS BELOW ME, BUT I DON'T SENSE ANY HOSTILE PRESENCE DOWN THERE!

HERE'S THE BROADCASTING COMPANY BUILDING... BUT STILL NO TRACE OF LAUGHING BOY!

HECK! I'VE COVERED HALF THE CITY BY NOW WITHOUT FINDING HIM! I'VE GOT TO LOCATE DOOM BEFORE THAT HOUR IS UP!

I OUGHTTA HAVE MY HEAD EXAMINED FOR KNOCKIN' MYSELF OUT TO RESCUE A GUY WHO'S MY WORST ENEMY, BUT...

WHOO! HOLD IT! I'M BEGINNING TO SENSE SOMETHING!



GOOD OL' SPIDER SENSE! IT HASN'T FAILED ME YET! I CAN FEEL THE HOSTILE EMANATIONS CLEAR UP HERE FROM THAT ABANDONED FACTORY BELOW!

AND, WITHIN THE SILENT, GLOOMY FACTORY...

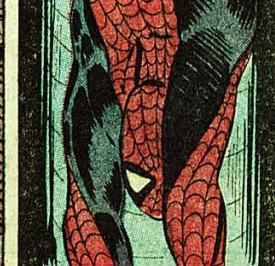
LET ME OUT OF HERE! PLEASE! I'M NOT SPIDER-MAN! YOU'RE MAKIN' A BIG MISTAKE! HONEST! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME! YOU'VE GOT TO!

SILENCE, YOU CRINGING, SNIVELLING COWARD! THE FAMOUS SPIDER-MAN! BAH! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A FRIGHTENED WEAKLING!

BUT YOU WILL STILL ENABLE ME TO GAIN MY OBJECTIVE! THE FANTASTIC FOUR, SPURRED ON BY THEIR STUPID GALLANTRY, WILL NOT FAIL TO ATTEMPT YOUR RESCUE! AND WHEN THEY COME, I SHALL DEFEAT THEM... COMPLETELY, IRREVOCABLY!

HMM... DOOM PROBABLY EXPECTS THE FF TO TRY TO SAVE HIS PRISONER, SO HE MUST HAVE A ZILLION TRAPS PREPARED! BUT MAYBE I CAN THROW HIM A CURVE BY SLITHERING DOWN THROUGH THIS AIR VENT, AS ONLY SPIDER-MAN CAN DO IT!

IT'S A TIGHT SQUEEZE, BUT I THINK I CAN MAKE IT! WHEW! THIS WOULD BE SOME SPOT FOR A GUY TO GET CLAUSTRO-PHOBIA!



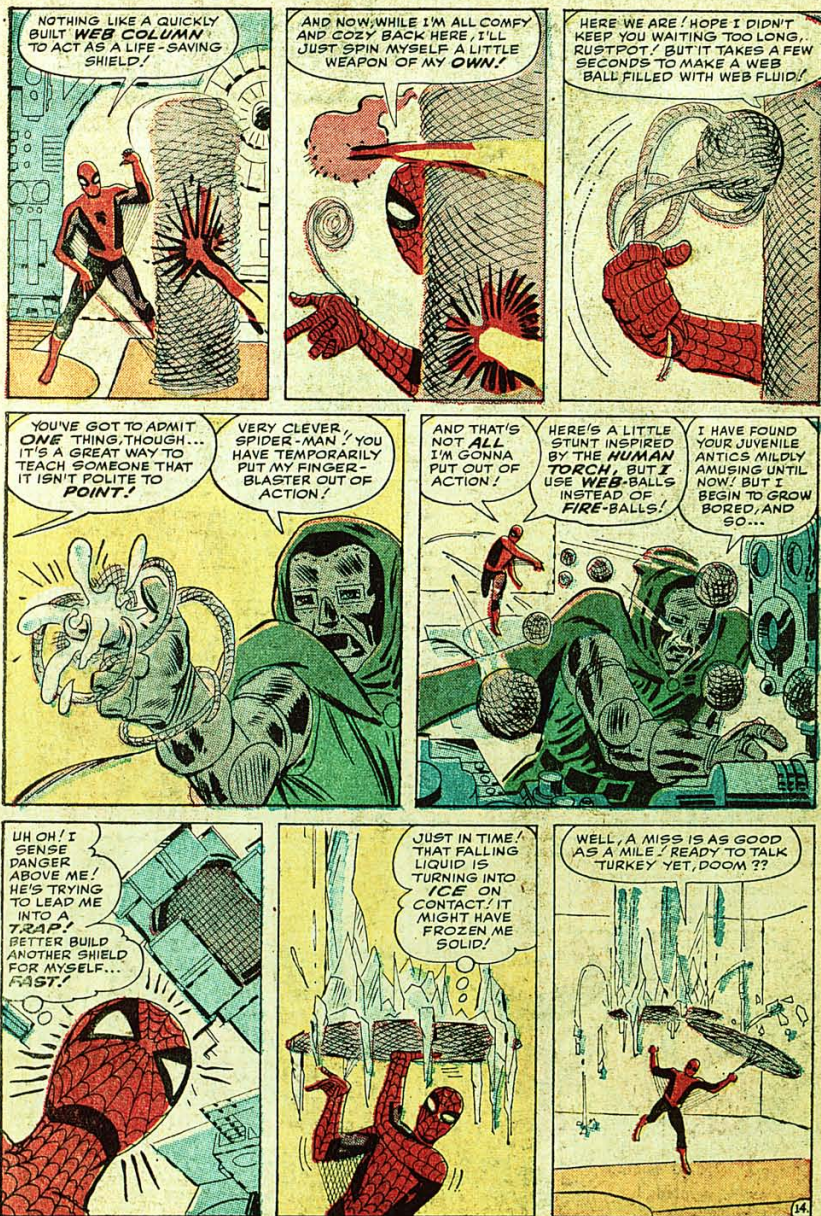
AND NOW, SETTLE BACK AND PREPARE TO WITNESS THE GOL-DANGEST, DING-BUSTEDEST, RIP-SNORTIN'EST SUPER-CHARACTERS FIGHT YOU'VE EVER SEEN!

CORRECTION, DOC! I'M THE REAL SPIDER-MAN! YOU JUST CAPTURED YOURSELF A PHONY BRAND-X IN THERE!

IF THAT'S SO, THEN YOU WERE A FOOL TO PLACE YOURSELF IN JEOPARDY AGAIN! THIS TIME I SHALL NOT ALLOW YOU TO ESCAPE!

SPIDER-MAN! BUT... YOU'RE MY PRISONER... INSIDE! HOW...?

FUNNY! I WAS THINKIN' THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU!



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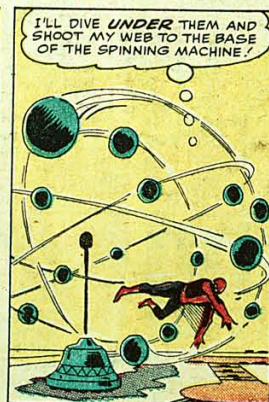
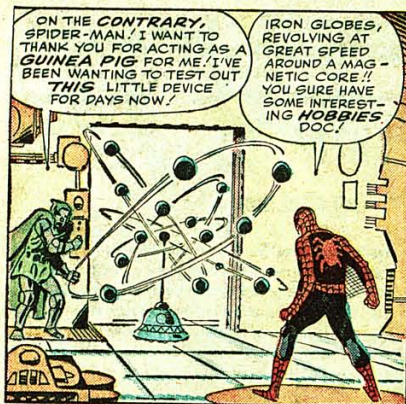
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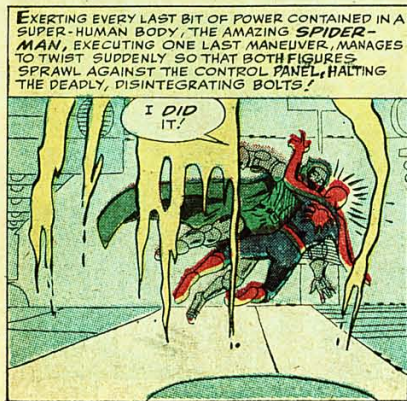
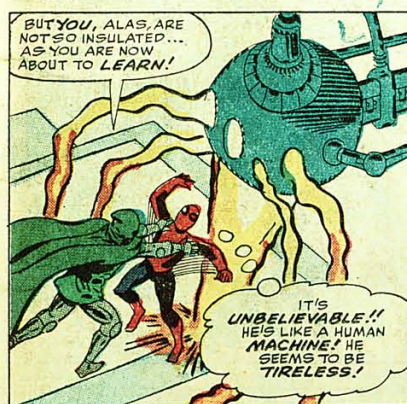
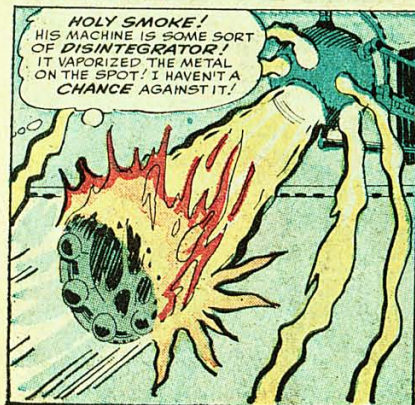
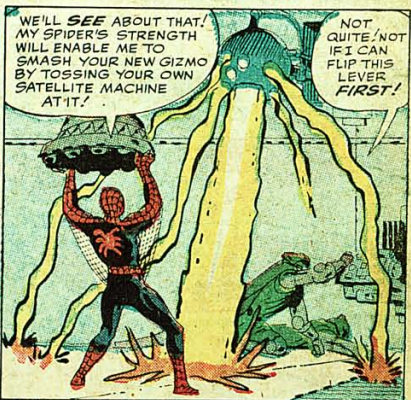
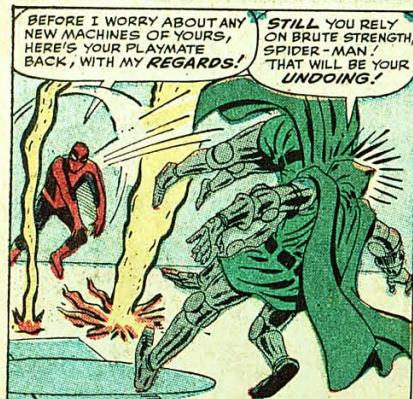
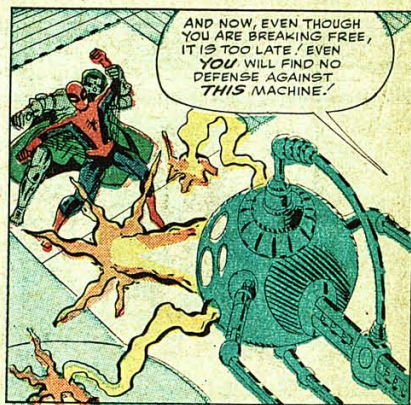
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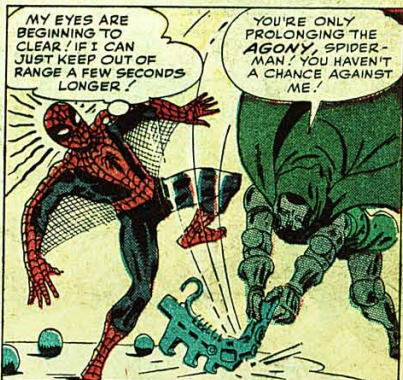
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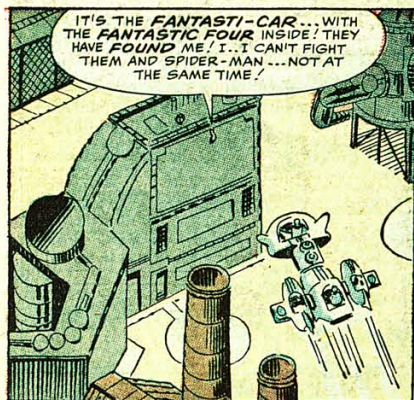
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I CAN SEE AGAIN! BUT DOOM IS CUTTING OUT... WHY??



SO THAT'S IT! IT'S THE FF... JUST LIKE THE CAVALRY IN A T.V. WESTERN! WELL, THEIR EYES'LL SURE POP WHEN THEY REALIZE I FOUND DOOM FIRST!



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DR. DOOM... HE'S GONE! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT I'M STILL IN ONE PIECE!



WHAT A LUNKHEAD I DRESS AS SPIDER-MAN! IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE, I'LL NEVER ASK FOR TROUBLE AGAIN!



LOOK! IT'S SPIDER-MAN!

GRAB HIM!

HUH? W-WAIT! DON'T!



HOLD IT, THING! I'VE SEEN SPIDER-MAN CLOSE UP... THAT GUY ISN'T EVEN A REASONABLE FACSIMILE!

YOU MEAN WE WENT TO ALL THIS TROUBLE FOR A NOBODY? THEN HOW ABOUT ME LEANIN' ON HIM JUST A LITTLE?

PUT HIM DOWN, BEN! THE POOR BOY LOOKS TERRIFIED!

HMM! LOTS OF PIECES OF WEB-BING AROUND! I SUSPECT THE REAL SPIDER-MAN WAS HERE!



AND, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...

AUNT MAY! SHE... SHE DOESN'T ANSWER! GOSH! IF... IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO HER...



HERE I AM, PETER! I GOT NERVOUS IN THE HOUSE ALONE, SO I WENT NEXT DOOR TO STAY WITH OUR NEIGHBORS! DID YOU GET THE FUSES, DEAR?

UHP! I... I FORGOT! WELL, I'LL TELL HER I WAS TOO SCARED TO WALK THE PARK STREETS ALONE!



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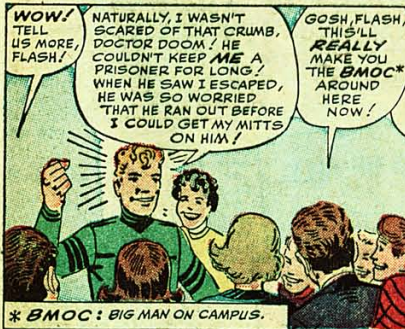
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THE NEXT DAY...

GOSH, I NEVER REALIZED THAT BETTY FELT THAT WAY ABOUT ME! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I NEVER REALIZED HOW I FELT ABOUT HER, EITHER! HMMM...

SAY, LOOK AT THE CROWD OF KIDS! WELL, AT LEAST THIS IS ONE TIME I WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO FLASH RIBBING ME! HE MUST BE THE MOST EMBARRASSED KID IN SCHOOL BY NOW!



WOW! TELL US MORE, FLASH!

NATURALLY, I WASN'T SCARED OF THAT CRUMB, DOCTOR DOOM! HE COULDN'T KEEP ME A PRISONER FOR LONG! WHEN HE SAW I ESCAPED, HE WAS SO WORRIED THAT HE RAN OUT BEFORE I COULD GET MY TITS ON HIM!

GOSH, FLASH, REALLY MAKE YOU THE BMOC* AROUND HERE NOW!

WHY SO GLOOMY-LOOKING, PETER? ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING JEALOUS OF A REAL HE-MAN LIKE FLASH!

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Dear Stan and Steve:

Subject: Amazing Spider-Man #3.
Opinion: The Greatest!

Yep, that's right! I've just finished reading Spider-Man #3 for the fourth time and have come to the previous conclusion. Dr. Octopus is the most original villain I've seen in my four years of comics reading. The guest appearance of the Human Torch came unexpectedly. His speech not only raised Spider-Man's hopes, but it encouraged me, too. One complaint, though—on page 10, panel 6, you have Dr. Octopus thinking, "The security police aren't apt to notice an extra pipe or two up on the ceiling." That's just like him saying, "The security police aren't apt to notice an extra former atomic scientist up on the ceiling." The two spectacular Spider-Man versus Dr. Octopus battles were well handled. My brother and I, after reading one of your comics, analyzed it. From our studies we have found: 1) Too many of your villains are formerly "the greatest atomic scientists in the country." 2) You put in many instances, much more wording into the captions than the actual panels. 3) Your villains use too formal language for a hectic situation. 4) Many of your heroes (Sgt. Fury, for example) give the inexperienced reader the impression that they are inhuman rough-necks. A good example is the cover of Sgt. Fury #1. It depicts him saying, "Keep movin', you lunkheads! Nobody lives forever! So get out the lead and follow me! We got us a war to win!" If all of your stories are as good as #3 you'll go a long way.

Richard Cohen
722 E. 102nd St.
Brooklyn 36, N. Y.

Correction, Dick! Sgt. Fury said "Get the lead out—" not "Get out the lead—"! See, I've want to find fault with YOUR material—I But, thanks for an interesting letter, R. C.

Dear Stan and Steve:

Congratulations on SPIDER-MAN #3!! It was a great issue and I thought it surpassed your other comics by far. I, for one, do not like these "book-length" stories that you are putting out, except in the FANTASTIC FOUR. SPIDER-MAN should have at least two stories per issue in order to give us a little more variety. I guess ever since that horrible year of 1954, when the crime books were at their peak and the Comics Code came in, you publishers either haven't had a chance to put out a good "robbery" story or else the readers like the super-villain better. Your SPIDER-MAN is both a human-interest story and an exciting book to read. I am against your new titles inside. They are so small and insignificant that I barely noticed them. I suggest that you use a much larger title. Steve Ditko is my favorite artist. He has a very good, but weird style that is hard to copy. The action scenes were the best I've ever seen in SPIDER-MAN or any of your magazines, for that matter. I like Ditko's art even better than Kirby's, although he did do some wonderful work in the 1940's. The one thing that is wrong with your magazines (all of them) is that your company has some pretty bad inkers for the fine quality of pencil artists you have. If this matter were cleared up, I am certain that your company would soon climb to the top. One last thing about Ditko's art—he just can't draw feet right!! They look

out of shape and flat. I don't want to hear collectors calling my favorite hero a "flatfoot"—do you??? It's good that you have Peter Parker using his other talents once in a while for a change from his spider powers. This is the first hero that I've seen that is ridiculed by his school-mates and uses his knowledge of chemistry as a weapon. Also, it's nice that you have a "your" boy with powers unlike all those crazy millionaires that have been floating around for years. I greatly enjoyed your SPIDER-MAN Pin-up Page. It's the first I've seen that gave a really big picture of my hero. John Duffy is one of your best letterers. In fact, there isn't anything that I don't like about the whole book. It's tremendous, colossal, stupendous, and on the whole—just plain marvelous! This gives a slight impression of how I feel about "Spi" and your entire company!!!

Dan Fleming
430 Beach Street
Ottawa, Kansas

You've mentioned so many points, Dan, that we don't know WHICH to comment about! But, we have a hunch some of our readers will have quite a bit to say about your opinions. As for us, we're delighted that you, and our other perceptive readers, take such a keen interest in our Marvel mags.

Dear Stan and Steve:

Stan, you have struck again! If I thought the first Spider-Man tale was good, I should have waited till the second and third. WOW, and a few more for flavor! The only thing I truly regret is that Steve Ditko's art distorted the Four to the point where it was agony to this dyed-in-the-wool-Four fan to see them. Spider-Man he can do well—I honestly can't picture him any other way—but the others! I suggest any more feature appearances be made by S-M (Sub-Mariner's initials?) in other magazines.

Paul Moslander
1206 31 Avenue
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We have a hunch there'll be a number of guest appearances in our various mags, employing our different heroes, because judging by your letters, it's something which most of you fans enjoy. Some future guest shots will be announced beforehand, while some will be sprung on you unexpectedly! So keep watching!

Dear Stan and Steve:

What a story you put out for the SPIDE-MAN #3 magazine! The strangest foe of all time—DOCTOR OCTOPUS! Boy, you fellas weren't kidding! He's terrific! One thing about your villains: They're all so interesting that any one of them could be featured in a mag of his own! Where do you ever think up your stories? They're all so different, and there's never a let-down! You may have guessed by now—you're my favorites!

Richard Jankowski
47 New York Ave.
Dunkirk, N. Y.

What do you MEAN where do we think up our stories??? Haven't we convinced you that they're all TRUE? Anyway, we thank you for your enthusiasm, and our villains thank you too!

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Dear Stan and Steve:

To get to the point, needless to say, you've got a hit on your hands! Please, no more shocks like the last one. What do I mean by shock? I'll tell you. I went out to the store one day looking for new comics, and here's what I found: 1) SPIDER-MAN #1 with guest stars, the Fantastic Four - great. 2) FANTASTIC FOUR #12 with the Hulk - great. 3) STRANGE TALES #106 with the F.F. I fainted right there on the spot!

Sid Wright
Worcester, Mass.

Not before paying your twelve cents, we hope!

Dear Stan and Steve:

Spider-Man #2... who's coming up with the great villains all of a sudden? Not that I don't like super-powerful villains like Sub-Mariner and super geniuses like Doc Doom, but I like a good "gimmick" hero, too, like the Vulture. The bit about Jameson paying off the person he hates the most is a great one; let's have more of it. However, what happens if Jameson decides that Parker should go out with one of his reporters to do a team story. As a matter of fact, it might not be a bad idea if that reporter was a girl (maybe even Jameson's daughter!) and she found out Spider-Man's secret ID. It would be quite a joke on Jameson to have his own daughter a secret ally of Spider-Man's. One little thing I noticed: so many characters have gloves as part of their costume, yet you never can figure out how they get rid of them when they're in their civilian identity. They make a switch and voila... the gloves are gone. I was glad to see the Spider-Man has met the problem! Steve Ditko's art is improving tremendously. He draws swinging aliens. One thing I like about Spider-Man is your finally having a character who can actually fight the "Cotton-pickin'" bad guys. No one dares lay a glove on Thing, or Thor, or Iron Man. None of the others, except Spider-Man, are the type of hero to make use of their fists. Ditko does a pretty fair-to-middling job of fight scenes, too!

Steve Perrin
4420 Meadowlark Lane
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Fair-to-middling??? Boy, you'd probably say that MOZART was a pretty average composer, too!



Dear Stan and Steve:

Just finished reading SPIDER-MAN #3. It was great as usual. One small suggestion - why don't you have a page or even a half-page telling your readers when your comics will be going on sale? I would like to know when to visit my newsstand to buy your better than usual comics.

Cory Reed
Johnstown, Pa.

We appreciate your interest, and your suggestion, Cory. Our mags go on sale at different times depending when each individual store decides to put them on display. We'd only be able to give APPROXIMATE on-sale dates, and after you've followed a mag for a while, you'll probably have as good an idea when it goes on sale as we do.

Dear Stan and Steve:

I am an avid fan of the costumed super-heroes of all the companies, but Spider-Man is the best of all of them in my opinion. For one thing, he has no allies, the world hates him, his powers are unique, his costume is colorful, and his secret identity is really secret. His costume is excellent because I can appreciate the tough time you must have had drawing all the webs over him. The red and dark blue or black balance each other very well and his bright white eyes set in black fall into the suit's composition perfectly. The spider emblem lets everyone know that there is one and only one Spider-Man. I am glad Aunt May doesn't know her nephew is Spider-Man. Now many interesting situations may arise. Also, there are no shrimps helping him. Sure, Peter is a square, but if everyone knew he were Spider-Man, he would be a hero to his school chums and a target. Everything as far as his identity goes is fine with me. Finally, I want to start a Spider-Man Fan Club to promote him. I feel that he will become the most popular super-hero in years. There are many projects in planning, as an opinion page, a Spider-Man Fan Club book, and a member sheet. I need quite a few members for these projects, and with a nation-wide fan club, the results would be terrific.

David Coleman
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Rochester 11, N. Y.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SECTION:

- **ITEM ONE:** Guest appearance infol SPIDER-MAN is really in the limelight this month, guest-starring in two Marvel Comics Group annuals. The first is STRANGE TALES ANNUAL #113, which SPIDER-MAN is featured with the fiery HUMAN TORCH, in 18-page thriller-diller! Then, before the smoke clears, you'll find him also in the FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL in a tale which shows him in the kind of action you fans have been clamoring for!
- **ITEM TWO:** News from Marvel! By now you've probably heard of our latest super-hero title—the X-MEN! We here at Marvel are especially anxious for your opinions on the first issue of X-MEN, for we honestly believe it is destined to become one of the most talked about teams in comics mag history! Also, have you seen the big, action-packed first issue of the AVENGERS? — It stars some of your all time favorites—IRON MAN, THOR, ANT-MAN, and, more powerful than ever, the incredible HULK. Yes, they're all together in one book-length tale, in the now-famous Lee-Kirby style!
- **ITEM THREE:** This month's Marvel line-up! Look for these great features on your newsstands this month: FANTASTIC FOUR #19: The FF take a trip thru time to solve the macabre mystery of the Sphinx! TALES OF SUSPENSE #46: IRON MAN faces a foe who was specially trained to defeat him—the CRIMSON DYNAMO! STRANGE TALES #113: THE HUMAN TORCH meets a super-villain you'll never forget—the PLANTMAN! TALES TO ASTONISH #48: Not to be outdone, ANT-MAN and the WASP come up against the most original foe of all—the spectacular human PORCUPINE! And, in J.R.N.Y. INTO MYSTERY #96, THOR is menaced by a foe whose magic power exceeds his own—the mad MERLINI! So, if you get the feeling that this is a good month for Marvel super-heroes—you're RIGHT!
- **ITEM FOUR:** A final word from Stan and Steve: We want to thank you for making SPIDER-MAN the smash success of the year! We promise to do our best to continue to merit your loyalty and to keep SPIDER-MAN the greatest, most original, most exciting super-hero of all!

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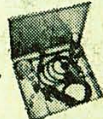
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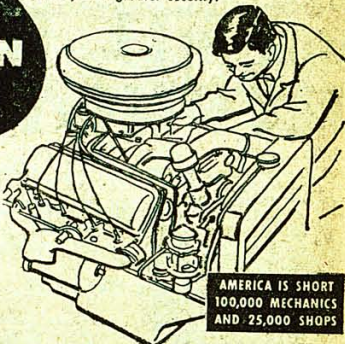
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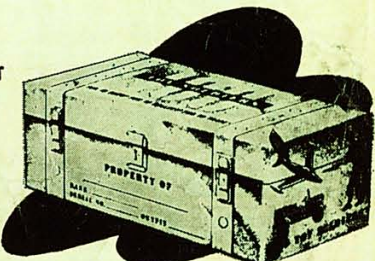


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